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President: Mr. Sajdik ..... (Austria)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

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Draft decision E/2015/L.1: Working arrangements for the 2015 session of the Economic and Social Council (*continued*)

1. **The President** drew the attention of the Council to draft decision E/2015/L.1, entitled "Working arrangements for the 2015 session of the Economic and Social Council". He recalled that, at the previous meeting of the Council, held on 21 July 2014, it had been suggested that the high-level political forum on sustainable development should start on Friday, 26 June 2015, rather than on Monday, 29 June 2015, and should conclude on Wednesday, 8 July 2015, thereby fulfilling the requirement, set forth in General Assembly resolution 67/290, that the meetings of the forum should be convened for a period of eight days. He had been informed by the Secretariat that the addition of Friday, 26 June 2015 as part of the eight-day period would have no programme budget implications. He therefore suggested that the Council should amend the first sentence of paragraph (k) of the draft decision to read: "The high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from Friday, 26 June, to Wednesday, 8 July 2015."

2. *It was so decided.*

3. *Draft decision E/2015/L.1, as orally amended, was adopted.*

4. **Mr. Favero** (Brazil), supported by **Mr. Mollinedo Claros** (Plurinational State of Bolivia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and **Mr. Lee** Tong-a (Republic of Korea) welcomed the decision to adjust the schedule of the high-level political forum.

5. **Mr. Bargawi** (Observer for the European Union) said that the Council must be made more efficient, inclusive and effective. In that connection, the Union strongly supported efforts to enhance coordination between the Council and the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly so as to avoid duplication of effort.

The meeting rose at 3.25 p.m.